

¶ By the Queene.



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The Queenes Maiestie being lately informed in England, by some Noblemen, and other her faithfull Subiects of good calling in the Province of Monster, within her Realme of Ireland, that, where late inquisitions and surueyes haue bene made, by certaine her Ministers in sundrie Shires within the said Province, to know what lands had lawfully escheated vnto her Maiestie in right of her Crowne, by the Attaindo: of the late Traitor, the Earle of Desmond, and his Confederates in the same Rebellion: whereupon diuerse haue sought by Grants from her Maiestie, to haue the same Lands so found as escheated, vpon rents and seruices, with a minde to inhabite the same being desolate of people, for manurance and occupation thereof, who by colour of such Grants (as the Complainants say) doe challenge and seise for her Maiestie, certaine lands and territories, which in no lawfull wise could escheate to her Maiestie by the aforesaid Rebellion, for that the same hath bene the inheritance of her good Subiects of that Realme now complaining, who neither were attainted, nor did offend, but rather serued her Maiestie most faithfully.

Upon these considerations, her Maiestie would it should be knowne for a most certaintie, that she neuer had any mind to grant any portion of land as escheated, ~~but~~ how little soeuer the same might be, that was the inheritance of any Subiect that had not offended: but is fully determined, that no person within the same Province of Monster, that either did not offend in that Rebellion, or hauing offended, hath bene for his offence, through her mercie duely pardoned, with a restitution of his lands in the same Pardon, shall be expelled or disturbed of his possession, but that there shall be with all conuenient speede, due inquisition made by Commissioners, very indifferent, with great charge and sufficient authority, to heare the complaints of her Subiects thus grieued, and to examine the Titles of all persons that shall complaine of any molestation offered vnto them, by any, claiming any interest by grant from her Maiestie, as of lands escheated. And to this purpose, her Maiestie hath with very Princely and fauourable answer dismissed certaine of her Subiects of that Countrey, being of good estimation with her Maiestie, both for their good seruices, and for their degrees, who came hither to her Maiestie with their complaints. And so shee doubteth not, but the rest being there in Monster, that may pretend cause of complaint, shall be reasonable satisfied with all fauour, as farre forth as their Titles or pretences may be prooued to be good and lawfull, and not claimed by any colour of any forged or fained Titles to maintaine any their vniust claimes. For so is her Princely mind disposed, to make no difference for respect of Persons or Countrey, against Justice, esteeming the Noblemen and good Subiects of that Land, as deare in degree of subiection, as any borne in England, making no difference betwixt the one and the other, but accompting them all in one equalitie of subiection, and in her duetie before God to answer for the weale of both with one measure of care. And for assurance and testimonie of this her Maiesties good meaning in fauour of Justice, whereof she is Gods chiefe Minister ouer all her Subiects, shee hath both conceived, and vttered the same with her owne mouth, and signed it with her owne hand, and directed it to be published and proclaimed in all vsuall publique places within the Province of Monster, or within any other part of that Realme, where her principall Officers shall thinke meet, for satisfaction of her good Subiects.

Giuen at Richemond, the fourth day of Nouember, In the nine and twentieth yeare of her Highnesse Raigne.

¶ God saue the Queene.